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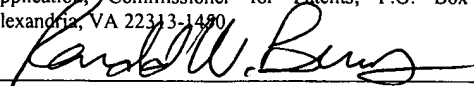
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Serial No.: 10/680,361

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For: VERSATILE SYSTEM FOR MANIPULATION OF DENTAL APPLIANCES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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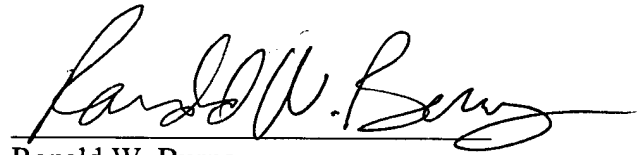
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2. Form PTO 1449 with thirteen (13) listed references;
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

			Matrix Band Forceps advertisement, Page 3 of PracticonDental's Fall 2002 Catalog
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